(d) The main reasons for rejection of applications are ineligibility of applicants, proposals not economically viable/technically feasible, non-compliance of requisite formalities and applicants being already employed elsewhere etc.

Blue print for the industrial development of North Bengal

2055. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a blue-print for the industrial development of North Bengal; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to build the necessary infrastructural facilities in the 'No-industry districts' particularly in North Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Government of West Bengal have recently forwarded to the Planning Commission the Background paper for the Conference on Regional Development of North Bengal—Prospects and Potentials which includes, chapters 3 and 4 titled "Scope for Industries in North Bengal" and "Small Scale Industries" respectively.

(b) The Central Government is already operating a scheme for the development of industries in 'no industry districts' through the establishment of growth centres. Under this scheme, Central Government, I.D.B.I. and the State Government (through State Plan) each contribute 1/3rd of the cost, subject to a maximum of Rs. 2 crores each per 'no industry district' for infra-structural development. Infrastructural facilities including service facilities like roads telecommunications, water and electricity, banks and post offices, testing houses for quality control etc. are created in these Centres. This scheme is also being operated in the 4 'no industry districts' of North Bengal viz. Jalpaiguri, Darjeeling Cooch Behar and Malda.

Central projects in different states

2056. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of various Central Projects in different States for which allocation of funds was made during the 6th Plan; and

(b) whether the entire funds were utilised;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any assessment has been made about the escalation in the cost of on-going projects; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) and (e) An assessment carried out recently has shown that out of 290 Central projects costing more than Rs. 20 crores each on the Quarterly Monitoring System, 186 projects reported cost overrun with respect to their original cost estimates.

Development of Science and Technology

2057. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised the annual plan outlay for 1987-88 for development of Science and Technology for the different States; and

(b) if so, the amount and the State-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.